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Treasury Chooses AT&T for TNet under Networx Universal

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service, on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, today announced the selection of AT&T as the network services provider for the Treasury Network (TNet) acquisition. This award was made under the Federal Acquisition Service's Networx Universal contract and meets requirements formerly described as the Treasury Communications Enterprise (TCE) program. The overall contract value is estimated at \$270 million over the life of the contract.

In December 2006, Treasury elected to use the General Services Administration's Networx program to integrate its telecommunications requirements into a single Treasury-wide network infrastructure. Under the Networx program, Treasury will utilize a fully managed network service, coupled with service level agreements and performance incentives to deliver secure voice, data and video communications. "We are extremely pleased with GSA's professionalism and responsiveness in enabling us to rapidly award this task order on the Networx contract," said Michael Duffy, Treasury Chief Information Officer. "We got a top quality technical solution at prices that exceeded our expectations."

"Treasury is the first agency to have completed a fair opportunity decision on the Networx Universal contract and expect they will be the first agency to begin ordering service," said Karl Krumbholz, Director of Network Services Programs at the General Services Administration. "We are extremely pleased to have assisted Treasury in meeting their network service requirements and found them to have a very strong and highly professional technical and contracting team that was a pleasure to work with. We look forward to a positive and productive relationship with the Treasury TNet Program in the years ahead."